



## James Eugene Hudson

January 13, 1942 - January 24, 2020

James Eugene Hudson, 78

Born in Oswego, IL on January 13, 1942. He spent his life in Louisville, KY.

After retirement in 1989 — he

shared his time between Louisville and Stuart, FL where he died on January 24, 2020 after a short illness.

Jim was first and foremost a follower of Christ. He spent his life loving people with kindness and

compassion. He was a man that walked in the footsteps of Jesus. His smile was infectious and he always

viewed all circumstances with a positive attitude. Jim was an active member of Southeast Christian

Church. He spent many years volunteering within the church.

He graduated from duPont Manual High School, was a member of the 1960 famed football team, active

in the Alumni Association and a member of the Hall of Fame. He graduated from University of Louisville

and went on to get executive training at Duke University. Jim had a successful career in Human

Resources starting at BF Goodrich, Globe Union, American Air Filter, and ending as Vice President of

Kroger Company (Peyton's) and then Dairyman. Jim was a Kentucky Colonel.

He served on the Board of

Directors for the American Red Cross.

After retirement, he and his wife spent their winters in Stuart, FL where Jim was active in the

community. He was President of the Martin County chapter of the Florida Shore & Beach Preservation

Association, President of the Hutchinson Island Coalition, member of the St. Lucie Inlet Committee and

the Bicycle and Pedestrian Action Committee. He was responsible for getting sidewalks, a lot of the

landscaping on the Island and he anonymously contributed many other improvements. He was given the

honor of "Citizen of the Year" in 2019 for his work and contributions to the Island. He served on the

Board of Administrators for both of his neighborhoods in Florida and Kentucky.

During Jim's life he enjoyed traveling, running, tennis, biking, walking, growing his flowers and just

delighting in God's creation. He spent his long retirement years dependent on the Lord and used his gifts

to quietly and humbly expand God's Kingdom. He considered himself a very blessed man.

He is survived by his wife, Vicki; daughter, Kimberly Alexander; son, James (Annette) Hudson; 2

granddaughters, Alexa Hall and Brooke Doherty; 2 brothers: Richard (Judy) and Robert (Nona) Hudson; 2

sisters: Janet Eary and Marge (Larry) Head; Sister-in-law, Linda (Jim) Grady; 10 nieces and nephews; 30

great nieces and nephews; and 1 great-great niece. He was preceded in death by his father, Garnett; his

mother, Helen Zielke; and a step-brother, Justus. He was very much loved by his wife, family, friends and

neighbors and he felt the same about them.

Funeral Arrangements: Owen Funeral Home in Jeffersontown, KY has handled all the difficult arrangements and getting Jim home — they have been the greatest ([owenfuneralhome.com](http://owenfuneralhome.com)). All arrangements will be at the Chapel In The Woods (a Southeast Christian Church campus) 1407 Moser Road, Louisville, KY 40299. Visitation is 9:00am to 11:00am Friday, January 31, 2020 with service to follow at 11:00am. Internment immediately following at Cave Hill Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers: Jim's favorites — Southeast Christian Church (920 Blankenbaker Pkwy, 40243); Bob Russell Ministeries ([bobrussell.org](http://bobrussell.org)); Manual Alumni Association (120 West Lee St, 40208); Hospice ([treasurehealth.org](http://treasurehealth.org)).

# Cemetery Details

**Cave Hill Cemetery**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

JAN 31. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Chapel in the Woods - Southeast Christian Church  
1407 Moser Road  
Louisville, KY

### Service

JAN 31. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Prayers for peace to Jim’s family. My husband Charles Green was a friend during their childhood and youth. We are saddened by the news of your departure but joyful that you are in a heavenly place. We haven’t seen Jim for some time but Charley speaks often about the “good ole days” they shared. Rest in heavenly peace Jim Hudson.

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**Mary Ann Green** - January 31, 2020 at 11:39 AM

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*Mary Ann and Charley Green*

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**Mary Ann Green** - January 31, 2020 at 11:42 AM

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“ I remember Jim from our days playing football at Manual. He was a year ahead of me but as tough as he was playing ball he was such a good guy when the pads came off. He was always a true gentleman and christian. I am so gald we got to spend some time together with our wives at the team reunion this summer.

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**Bruce Dawson** - January 30, 2020 at 08:41 PM